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1. In Yugoslavia the state enterprise for the construction of hydro-electric stations is known as "Hidrogradnja". Under its direction, work was started in 1949 on the Medjuvsrje hydro-electric station near Cacak. Seventeen percent of the construction has been completed. A second hydro-electric station near Ovcarska Banja was also started in 1949, and is forty percent completed. The concrete foundations have been laid and canals have been dug, but the machinery and turbines have not yet arrived.
2. When plans were first made for the construction of these two hydro-electric stations, the required turbines were to be imported from Czechoslovakia. Since the breakdown of relations with that country, Yugoslav engineers have hoped that Britain would supply the equipment.
3. The Five Year Plan called for the completion of the two stations by 1950 so that they could be put into operation by 1951. Voluntary labor brigades are employed on these projects, and the work is progressing so slowly that if the work continues at its present pace, it is considered unlikely that the projects will be completed before 1955.

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